

Shephali

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
INDIAN ADOPTION PETITION NO. 30 OF 2018
WITH
JUDGE'S ORDER NO. 76 OF 2018

Rameshkumar Kshamanath Singh & Shraddha Ramesh Singh	...Petitioners
<i>Versus</i>	
Ashishkumar Ramacharya Singh, and Sindhu Ashish Singh	...Respondents
<i>Arya</i>	...Minor

Mr Rakesh Kapoor, *for the Petitioner.*
Mr O Hareendran, *Scrutiny Officer, ICSW, is present.*

CORAM: G.S. PATEL, J
DATED: 11th April 2018

PC:-

1. This is an Indian Adoption Petition in regard to a female minor, Arya, who was born on 17th June 2003 to the Respondents, Ashishkumar Singh, aged 37 years, and Sindhu Ashish Singh, aged 36. They live in Khar, Mumbai. The Respondents have a biological son Pratham, who is 18 years old. The 2nd Petitioner, Shraddha, is the first cousin of the minor's biological mother, Respondent No. 2, Sindhu. The Petitioners desired to adopt a girl child and since the Respondents stated that they did not have the financial means and

resources to bring up another child, they accepted the Petitioners' proposal for adoption.

2. The consents, photographs, the consent of the Respondents' adult son, and the medical test report of the adoptive father are separately compiled in a set marked "X1" for identification with today's date. A separate compilation marked "X2" contains the CARA Registration.

3. The financial documents of the Petitioners are in order. They live in Kanjur Marg. The adoptive father works as a Manager with Capgemini Technology Services India Limited and has a monthly gross salary of Rs.1,30,804/-. The necessary documents are on record. The minor's health report is clear.

4. I have seen the scrutiny report presented by Mr O Hareendran, Scrutiny Officer of the Indian Council of Social Welfare which is on record.

5. What is important is that for the last five years, Arya has been staying with the Petitioners and regards them as her own parents. The report of the social worker, Tila Patel, is on record and it supports the adoption.

6. I am shown a handwritten note by Arya in which she says that she understands that her Buaa and Fujaji are adopting her and that she is happy with this decision. Arya is present in chambers and I have had the privilege of a brief conversation with Arya. She is in

the 9th standard, about to enter the 10th, and is remarkably lively, confident, determined and intelligent young lady who is quite completely aware of the present legal proceeding. On quite another note — I say this to indicate my assessment of just how self-aware she is — when I asked Arya if she had planned a career, her response was so utterly remarkable that I must make mention of it. She says that she wants to qualify as a Speech Therapist mainly to work with differently abled people; and that she is driven to this because of the condition of one of her younger cousins to whom she is very close. It is not often that one sees such focus in one so young. I have not the slightest hesitation in holding that the Petition must succeed.

7. The Petition is allowed. The Judge's Order is separately signed.

(G. S. PATEL, J)